

## NIDA Diversity Scholars Network

### A Mentoring and Grantsmanship Professional Development Program

Application Deadline: **January 12, 2018**

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), Office of Diversity and Health Disparities (ODHD) is accepting applications for the NIDA Diversity Scholars Network (NDSN) program. The NDSN is a competitive, rigorous, and comprehensive program aimed at enhancing the funding success of outstanding underrepresented early-stage investigators conducting drug abuse research. The NDSN program consists of two sessions and an interim proposal development period that will support a cohort of scholars in applying for a NIH research grant or equivalent funding in order to build a sustainable independent research career.

The Part I session will include: technical research proposal feedback; information on NIH funding opportunities, grantsmanship skills, and the NIH review process; as well as professional development presentations. **Scholars will be paired with an experienced mentor to discuss their research proposal** which will be used as a basis for the Part II session: NIDA Mock Review. It is expected that scholars maintain periodic contact with their mentors during the interim period between session I and II while developing their full draft grant application. **The Part I session will take place prior to CPDD in San Diego, CA on Friday, June 8, 2018.**

NOTE: All participants accepted into Part I are required to prepare for and attend Part II, a mock review of their draft grant application, to be held at NIDA in Bethesda, MD on September 13-14, 2018.

#### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Postdoctoral fellows with a minimum of two full years postdoc experience, clinical residents, and other early-stage investigators (ESIs) who have not received an NIH R01 grant (or equivalent); ESIs should be less than 10 years since receipt of their terminal degree;
- A minimum of two published first-authored peer reviewed papers within that last three years;
- Scientists underrepresented in biomedical or behavioral sciences, such as: individuals from underrepresented populations; individuals with disabilities; and individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds are encouraged to apply; though all individuals are eligible to participate; and
- Applicants should be positioned to submit an NIH research grant (R03, R15, R21, R34, R01, etc) or Mentored Career Development Award (K) application within a year.

#### APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

The following application components should be submitted in **Word format and emailed by midnight (local time), January 12, 2018** to Dr. Albert Avila ([aavila@nida.nih.gov](mailto:aavila@nida.nih.gov)):

- Full Curriculum Vitae (include: past/current NIH grant support, and a list of all NIH applications submitted);
- Personal Statement including: eligibility, detailed past research training, and future scientific/career direction;
- Research concept proposal (5 pgs.) for a future grant application; **research concepts must be directly relevant to the [NIDA mission](#)** (a more detailed research proposal will be required prior to the first session);
- E-mail subject line should include: 2018 NIDA Diversity Scholars Network application.

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Applicants will be notified of their status by February 16, 2018. NIDA will provide travel awards for selected scholars including: round-trip airfare, two nights of lodging (June 7 & 8, 2018), per diem, and ground transportation.

#### For additional information contact:

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